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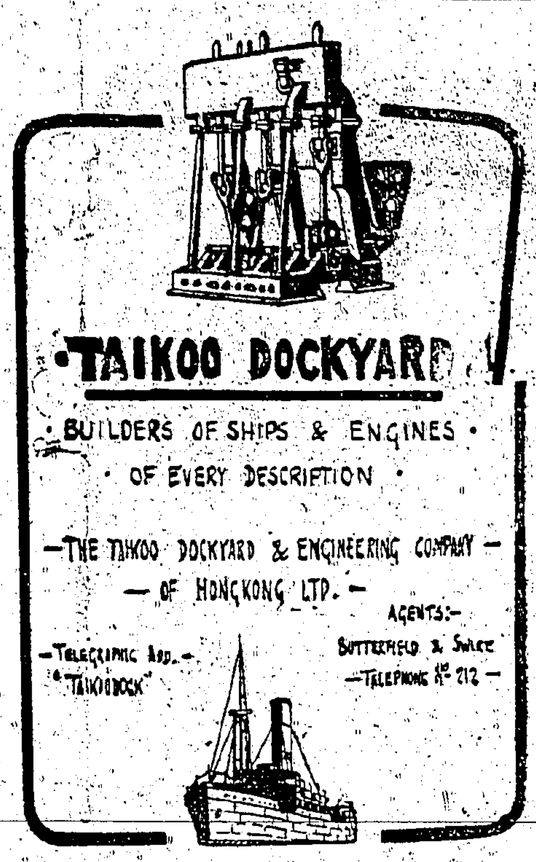
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THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE WESTERN FRONT.

ENEMY'S ARTILLERY ACTIVE.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

The enemy's artillery was active last night, to the south of Cambrai, on the right bank of the Scarpe, to the southward of Lens and on the Passchendaele sector.

SHARP FIGHT NEAR BEZONVAUX.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

A French communiqué states:—

An enemy attempt, near Bezonvaux, was repelled, with appreciable losses, after a sharp fight.

BIG GERMAN OFFENSIVE EXPECTED.

WITH AUSTRIAN ASSISTANCE.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

Pacifist quarters are circulating rumours of renewed peace overtures from Germany. These are discredited, but the matter will probably be raised during the debate on the vote of credit, on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the speech of Count Czernin to the Hungarian Delegation at Buda Pest is regarded as foreshadowing that the Austrians will participate in a big German offensive on the Western Front.

Count Czernin said: "If the general war situation assumes a different aspect, which is not impossible, and if big events happen on other Fronts, then I shall heartily welcome the moment which found us fighting on other Fronts with our Allies."

AMERICA AND THE WAR.

NO TRUCE OR BARGAINING WITH GERMANY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.

At a Pennsylvania Society dinner, Mr. Lodge, the Republican leader of the Senate, said that there must be no truce and no bargaining with Germany. Her word was worthless and there was no hope of a final settlement, except by physical guarantees, won on the battlefield.

Colonel Roosevelt said that Austria-Hungary and Turkey were not nations but racial tyrannies. Neither democracy nor civilisation was safe while those States existed, in their present form.

AMERICAN DESTROYER TORPEDOED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.

The American destroyer, *Jacob Jones*, was torpedoed and sunk, in the war zone, on Thursday.

Many of the crew were lost, including the Commander, who was a brother-in-law to the Secretary of the Navy.

LATER.

It is officially announced that the Commander of the torpedoed destroyer was saved, and also 43 of the crew.

ECUADOR RUPTURES RELATIONS WITH GERMANY.

GUAYAQUIL, Dec. 9.

It is officially announced that Ecuador has ruptured her relations with Germany.

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THE SITUATION IN RUSSIA.

LOOTING THE WINTER PALACE WINE CELLARS.

DRUNKEN SOLDIERS LYING ABOUT IN THE SNOW.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 9.

Crowds of sailors, on Saturday, sacked the wine cellars of the Winter Palace and sold thousands of bottles of expensive wines in the streets. Drunken soldiers are lying about in the snow.

The Peoples' Commissaries sent the Red Guards to the scene and they flooded the cellars.

LATER.

In consequence of the soldiers looting the wine cellars of the Winter Palace, the Government has taken measures to destroy all stocks of alcohol.

THE ARMISTICE.

ANTAGONISTIC VIEWS IN RUSSIAN PRESS.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 9.

The Bolshevik Agency announces that a meeting of the Petrograd Soviet was held to receive the armistice delegates who presented their report for discussion. The meeting adjourned.

The Bourgeois newspapers, commenting on the armistice, accuse the Bolsheviks of being willing on all points. The Soviet Press replies to these attacks by declaring that the Government Soviets had not concluded an armistice nor a peace contrary to the Russian or Allied peoples' interests.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 9.

The Maximalists announce that under the twelve days' armistice agreement, which has been signed at Brestlitovsk, aircraft flights over enemy country and also over ten versts within their own lines, have been stopped, and troops, numbering a division or over, may not be moved unless the orders to do so were given prior to December 5.

The *Pravda* says that the Maximalists proposed an armistice for six months.

THE MOVEMENTS OF GENERAL KALEDIN.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 9.

The Bolshevik Agency announces that the newspaper *Don* publishes telegrams from the Don region indicating that General Kaledin is in Novokherkask and all other Don districts are in the hands of the Soviets and the Ukranian Parliament.

It is believed that General Kaledin is preparing an armed demonstration.

The Government is taking the most vigorous measures to repel him.

NATIONALISATION OF LANDS, FARM STOCKS AND BUILDINGS.

LONDON, Dec. 10.

A Russian message states that the Bolshevik regime proclaims all lands, live and dead stock, farm produce and buildings to be national property. The private ownership of land is abolished and the landowners' houses will serve as public schools, hospitals, shelters and theatres. Local land committees have been ordered to safeguard the property from destruction or pillage.

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THE WAR.

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SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE CAMBRAI BATTLE-FRONT.

BOURLON WOOD EVACUATED WITH ONLY ONE CASUALTY.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing to-day, says:—

Probably the most important news this morning is the threatened break of the weather, for a spell of wet and mud would render the German positions before Cambrai something more than dismal, whilst abundantly justifying our withdrawal towards the extraordinarily strong and comparatively comfortable Hindenburg trench system. If the Germans recognise this we may see a somewhat wide belt of no-man's land hereabouts. The enemy may yet have an opportunity of flinging masses against his own Hindenburg wall.

We withdrew all our guns and ammunition and every scrap of military material without mishap, after blowing up the bridges of the canal.

As far as known, there was only one casualty in evacuating Bourlon Wood.

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S LATEST REPORT.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

We carried out a successful local operation, at dawn, to the north of La Vacquerie.

The Ulster troops captured the trenches constituting the objectives, considerably improving our line.

Our patrols, to the south-east of Ypres, last night, successfully attacked hostile working parties.

A hostile raid was repulsed, to the north-east of Ypres.

A number of casualties were inflicted upon the enemy in these encounters, and some prisoners were taken.

Our aeroplanes bombed hostile billets, throughout Thursday, and there was a particularly successful raid against Valenciennes railway station and siding, where fires were started.

The airmen took every opportunity of machine-gunning the enemy in the trenches and there was much aerial fighting in which five hostile machines were brought down and three were driven down. One of our machines is missing.

LATER.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: The enemy's artillery was active during the night in the neighbourhood of Flesquieres and northward of the Menin road.

GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

A German official message says:—

We stormed La Justice Farm, between Graincourt and Marcoing, and cleared out the enemy from the latter place.

The British temporarily penetrated our line northward of La Vacquerie, but we threw them back, maintaining the positions against bitter hand-grenade attacks.

THE WITHDRAWAL FROM BOURLON WOOD.

GERMAN WASTAGE OF SHELLS.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters, telegraphing this evening, says:—The British withdrawal from Bourlon Wood was carried out in a masterly fashion between Tuesday evening and late yesterday afternoon.

The unsuspecting enemy shelled Bourlon Wood vindictively on Wednesday and heavily attacked at Anneux yesterday, putting down a tremendous barrage bombardment and then advancing his infantry waves under a devastating artillery fire, only to find the place deserted and reeking intolerably with asphyxiating fumes.

The enemy did not appear to have thoroughly grasped our action until yesterday afternoon, when he pushed out a number of strong patrols in an unsuccessful effort to keep in touch with our line.

A great reconnaissance, probably consisting of three battalions, engaged in skirmishing but fell back into a little gully, when our artillery, excellently served by our airmen, is believed to have knocked out at least 2,000 of them.

Except around Moeuvres and La Vacquerie, where fighting is progressing, our whole position was satisfactorily clear at sunset yesterday, and we still retain the high ground near La Vacquerie. Our guns are favourably placed and are maintaining a most devastating fire.

The German effort has been a stupendous one. It is estimated the no fewer than 25 Divisions were employed to try to restore the broken Hindenburg Line, of which we still have three wonderful lines of reserve, support and front line trenches behind us.

The behaviour and spirit of our troops is beyond praise and they clearly comprehend the position.

The Correspondent's own opinion is that the enemy's situation is almost untenable. The whole of our withdrawal has resulted in our establishing a tremendously strong position and the recent gains are thoroughly defended.

The Correspondent concludes by stating:—"Everybody on our side, to-day, seems to wear a smile of quiet confidence."

FRENCH BREAK UP ATTACKS.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

A French communiqué says:

On the right of the Meuse, after a violent bombardment, the enemy twice attempted to reach our lines in the direction of Bezonvaux and Beaumont. Our fire smashed up the attacks and drove back the assailants on their own trenches.

There has been considerable reciprocal artillery activity at Maisons-de-Champagne and on the right of the Meuse.

Our aviators bombarded the railway stations at Fribourg and Thionville and behind enemy depots and cantonments behind the Front.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

CHECKMATING THE ENEMY.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

An Italian official message says:—

The battle continues on the Asiago Plateau, where our artillery prevented the advance of the enemy's masses, enabling our withdrawal from the Melette salient.

Machine gun fire drove back the enemy in disorder from Frenzela Valley.

The enemy attempted to break through with large forces, southward of Gallio, but our resistance enabled us to link up the line, arresting the enemy's advance at Monte Sisemol after repulsing six assaults.

GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

A German official report says:—

We have captured Monte Sisemol.

Our Italian prisoners now number 15,000.

AN ABORTIVE VICTORY.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

Reuter's correspondent at Italian Headquarters wiring yesterday evening, says:

Despite his boasting, the enemy has only gained a pyrrhic victory and his losses have been extraordinary in comparison with the territory gained.

The enemy succeeded in gaining a footing on the sharp salient east of Asiago.

Despite an extraordinary preparation of artillery and of asphyxiating, emetic and lachrymal gasses, the Italians resisted desperately, their artillery and machine guns mowing down unending waves of humanity. The Alpini finally fell fighting, surrounded by heaps of Austrian dead.

OPERATIONS BY 150 AEROPLANES.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

An Italian official message states:—

There were patrol encounters, yesterday, on the Asiago Plateau.

One hundred and fifty aeroplanes machine-gunned and bombed the enemy lines, causing damage and losses. Bombs were also dropped on ammunition dumps, causing explosions.

BOLOISM IN ITALY.

EX-DEPUTIES ARRESTED.

ROME, Dec. 8.

Ex-Deputies Bonanno, Brunicardi and Dini have been arrested on charges of complicity in the Bolo affair.

AN AMERICAN FIGHTING FORCE OF TWO MILLIONS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.

The latest estimates of the War Department provide for a fighting force of 2,000,000 on the Western Front.

THE BRITISH MAN-POWER QUESTION.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCES.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

The *Times* says it is understood that important conferences were held yesterday at the Ministry of National Service and at Downing Street, with reference to man-power.

THE NEW SIBERIAN GOVERNMENT.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 8.

The newspaper *Narod*, after giving a list of the Ministers of the new Siberian Government, says that the Siberians refuse to send supplies to Russia, especially to Petrograd, as they would fall into the hands of the Germans.

THE OPERATIONS IN PALESTINE.

HEBRON OCCUPIED.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

An official message from Palestine says that General Allenby has occupied Hebron.

RUMANIA'S PLIGHT.

RUMANIANS ACCEPT AN ARMISTICE.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

A Rumanian official message says:—

The Rumanians have decided to accept an armistice, and hostilities have been suspended on the whole Front.

The enemy has applauded the decision but the Rumanians have maintained a dignified attitude and rejected attempts at fraternisation.

PARIS, Dec. 7.

The newspapers continue to emphasise the difficulty of the situation of the Rumanian army.

Owing to the Russian contingents participating in the armistice the Rumanian troops are thus in a most awkward plight.

It is pointed out that they cannot retreat into Russia; therefore they have apparently resigned themselves to an armistice although they are faithful to the Allies and do not desire a separate peace.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

CHUNGKING CAPTURED

PEKING, Dec. 7.

Kweichow troops, assisting the Yunnanese troops, have captured the strategically important city of Chungking in the province of Szechuan. Foreign marines have landed from gunboats to protect the lives and property of foreigners.

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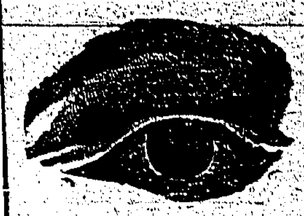
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(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

TERMS:—Cash.

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Hongkong, Dec. 5, 1917. 2365

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Hongkong, Dec. 8, 1917. 2374

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TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 2.)

THE DRAMA IN RUSSIA.

ANNULMENT OF FOREIGN LOANS.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

The *Daily Telegraph's* Petrograd Correspondent reports that a Decree was published on the 6th inst. announcing the annulment of Foreign Loans and the cessation of payment of interest.

LAW COURTS ABOLISHED.

Another Decree abolishes Law Courts and lawyers, replacing them by revolutionary tribunals.

UNDERMINING THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY.

M. Lenin has completed a scheme for undermining the Constituent Assembly by a system of continual re-elections.

A THREAT TO THE CADETS.

The Government organ *Prarda* threatens the cadets with violence, reminding them of the fate of General Dukhonin.

GERMANY TO ORGANISE RUSSIAN FOOD DISTRIBUTION.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

A telegram from The Hague states that Germany is preparing an army of organisers to take over the task of distributing Russian food and other supplies. It is especially hoped to secure fats.

MAXIMALISM IN SIBERIA.

PEKING, Dec. 8.

Maximalism is spreading along the Siberian railway and threatens to become established at Harbin.

BRITAIN REFUSES TO REPATRIATE INTERNED MEN.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 8.

A Note from the British Government refusing to repatriate two Russians interned in England was delivered at the Bolsheviks Headquarters on the 6th inst.

Uneasiness among the British residents is increasing.

THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS.

M. Trotzky, and other Commissioners, have decreed the appointment of Moses Salomonovitch Uritzky as Commissioner of the election of the Constituent Assembly, with practically autocratic powers.

GERMAN WARNING TO RUSSIAN AVIATORS.

MAXIMALIST PROCLAMATIONS NOT WANTED BY GERMANS.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 8.

The Germans have warned Russian aviators distributing Maximalist proclamations that they will be shot if they are taken prisoner.

The Maximalist Commissioners have suppressed all newspapers continuing to print advertisements notwithstanding the announcement of a State monopoly.

STATE BANK EMPLOYEES ARRESTED.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 7.

Armed sailors have arrested forty of the State Bank employees, who nevertheless refuse to serve the Maximalist régime.

GENERAL KORNILOFF'S MOVEMENTS.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 7.

It is stated that General Korniloff with four sotnias, avoiding the railways, in riding southwards.

LATER.

General Korniloff has joined General Kaledin.

THE ELECTIONS.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 7.

The Bolsheviks announce that they are sure of five seats, the Cadets four and the Revolutionary Socialists one in Moscow.

Despite bad weather and great distances 75 to 80 per cent. of the electors, the Government aver, polled mostly for the Bolsheviks, who promise most.

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AWFUL DISASTER AT HALIFAX.

300 KILLED AND HUNDREDS INJURED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.

Part of Halifax, Nova Scotia, is afire as a result of the collision of two steamers, one of which was an American vessel containing ammunition.

The explosion has severed wire communications with Halifax.

The dead are estimated at from eight hundred to one thousand.

The explosion occurred in the harbour at eight in the morning opposite Rockingham, a suburb of Halifax.

The crews of the colliding ships were all killed.

One hundred buildings were destroyed or damaged and the Halifax cables were interrupted, the station being damaged.

LATER.

The latest estimate is three hundred killed and many hundreds injured, at Halifax.

The fire was controlled in the afternoon.

Not one house in Halifax has escaped damage.

Relief trains are speeding to Halifax from New York, Boston and Portland, Maine.

ROYAL SYMPATHY.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

The King has telegraphed to the Governor-General of Canada expressing his true sympathy with the people of Halifax in their grievous calamity.

ONE-THIRD OF THE CITY IN RUINS.

OTTAWA, Dec. 8.

Communication with Halifax was re-established this afternoon.

One half of the north end of the City has been destroyed and the dead are lying thick in the streets. The hospitals are so overcrowded that many of the injured have been compelled to go without treatment.

The first account from Halifax says that one-third of the City is in ruins, and the damage is estimated at $1,000,000.

GENEROUS ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED STATES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.

Joint resolutions appropriating $5,000,000 for the relief of the striken people of Halifax were introduced into the House of Representatives.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S HEARTENING MESSAGE.

President Wilson has telegraphed to Halifax as follows:—"In the presence of the awful disaster at Halifax, the people of the United States offer their noble brethren of the Dominion their heartfelt sympathy and grief, as is fitting at this time when, to the ties of kinship, community, speech and material interests, are added the strong bonds of a union in the common cause of the devotion to the supreme duties of national existence."

FIERCE STORM PREVAILED AT THE TIME.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.

There was a fierce storm in the Harbour when the collision occurred. It was an outward-bound Belgian relief ship which collided with the munitions ship. The concussion broke windows sixty miles distant and killed a telegraphist four miles away. Freights cars were blown off the tracks for a distance of two miles. The pilot of the relief ship was rescued. He says that burning oil spread to the forepart of the ship after the collision.

The bitter cold is adding to the sufferings of the homeless, the fire-swept area being sheathed with ice. The best residential quarter of the town escaped the fire, though it was damaged by the explosion.

The greatest loss of life was at Richmond, which was a place mostly of small wooden houses. No trace of them is left, or of many families, except burned bones. There were no troops awaiting embarkation at the time.

ANTI-GOVERNMENT OUTBREAKS IN PORTUGAL.

MADRID, Dec. 7.

Telegrams from the frontier describe anti-Government outbreaks at Lisbon and Oporto.

From Lisbon there are no details but from Oporto it is reported that the shops and bakeries have been looted.

CASUALTIES AND ARRESTS.

OPORTO, Dec. 7.

Two people were killed and 60 have been sent to hospital.

The crowd cheered the soldiers who kept at a distance.

There were 78 arrests on December 5, the morning of the outbreak.

Order has been re-established.

GUARDING THE EX-TSAR.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 7.

A Maximalist newspaper announces that several detachments of Red Guards and sailors have been sent to Tobolsk to guard the Ex-Tsar.

AMERICA AT WAR WITH AUSTRIA.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.

The Senate has adopted the resolution declaring war against Austria-Hungary.

PRESIDENT SIGNS THE DECLARATION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.

The House of Representatives adopted the War Resolution against Austria-Hungary by 363 votes to 1. The declaration operates from to-night.

LATER.

The President has signed the declaration of war against Austria-Hungary.

LATER.

The Senate's vote was unanimous.

The minority, in the House of Representatives, consisted of a New York socialist. The Members walked out in a body when he rose to speak.

Mr. Flood, the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the House, said that the unanimous passage of the resolution was essential for the welfare of the Allies.

Senator Lodge urged war against Turkey and Bulgaria. He said that the Turks were a scourge to Europe and Christendom. Their country was the birthplace of countless massacres and cruelties, especially since Turkey had been under German domination.

Mr. Stone said it was difficult to find in history a meaner or baser figure than Ferdinand of Bulgaria.

TRADE AFTER THE WAR.

REPORTS BY LORD BALFOUR'S COMMITTEE.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

The *Daily Telegraph* states that the final report of Lord Balfour of Burleigh's Committee on trade after the war is now in the hands of the Premier.

The Report consists of a majority and two minority reports. One of the latter advocates an *ad valorem* tariff of ten per cent. on imported manufactures, and a Free Trade minority report opposes a general tariff.

The Majority report, which is supported by some of the Free Trade Committeemen, advocates a tariff on manufactures, with a maximum below ten per cent.

ENFRANCHISEMENT OF BRITISH WOMEN.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

The House of Commons has passed the third reading of the Representation of the People Bill under which women have been enfranchised.

The question of Irish redistribution has been remitted to a conference, to be held on February 2, of Nationalists and Ulstermen, the Speaker presiding.

The recommendations of the Conference will be embodied in a separate Bill, which will be treated as an agreed measure.

POINTED SPEECH BY SIR E. CARSON.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

Sir Edward Carson, speaking at the inaugural meeting of the Anglo-Rumanian Society, at the Mansion House, scouted the idea of a League of Nations of which we had had experience in the disregard of the Treaty to preserve Belgium. Rumania entered the war to maintain her very existence. He denounced the recent development of peace talk as most mischievous and most misleading. No one nation could end the war by attaining its own selfish ends. We were fighting for a great ideal, namely, the establishment of freedom and the right to live without everlastingly contemplating a renewal of hostilities, and to enable the whole world to live peacefully. He did not know how it was possible to end this war if it did not maintain the rights of Rumania and Serbia as much as those of Great Britain and the Empire.

Addressing the Rumanian Minister, Sir Edward Carson asserted: "If there is to be any compromise outside what I have laid down it will not be the present Government which will make such an ignominious peace." He believed the British would never withdraw from the war until, with the Allies' concurrence, they had attained a satisfactory end.

THE FOOD SITUATION.

A THUNDERBOLT FROM THE FOOD DIRECTOR.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

Sir A. Yapp, Director of Food and Agriculture, in a speech again emphasised the seriousness of the world's food shortage. It was useless to have a great wheat crop in Australia if we had no ships to bring it. Altogether 690 big ships had been submarined and he declared that America must very soon choose between using ships as food-carriers or troop transports.

GREAT ACTIVITY IN THE MEUSE REGION.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

A French communique states:—There was great mutual artillery activity on the right bank of the Meuse.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

The Silver Market is very quiet.

INTIMATIONS

GRAND
BOXING TOURNAMENT
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE POLICE RESERVE
AT THE CITY HALL, ON MONDAY, 10th DECEMBER,
Commencing 9.15 p.m. Sharp,
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6 ROUND BANTAM-WEIGHT CONTEST:
CPL. STUBBS, Mdlsx. Reg. v. STO. JAMES, R.N.

6 ROUND BANTAM-WEIGHT CONTEST:
STO. WELSH, R.N. v. PTE. ROLFE, Mdlsx. Reg.

6 ROUND LIGHTWEIGHT CONTEST:
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Someone said to her mother, "That girl is anæmic. She is making bone instead of blood. If you let her go on, you will have an invalid on your hands. Give her Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people; they have saved many a girl in that state." The mother took the hint and in a little while she had her reward—a healthy daughter, who was a promising woman. Take the hint yourself and begin Dr. Williams' pink pills to-day. Of dealers everywhere, also $1.50 the bottle, $8/- for six, from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 96 Szechuen Road, Shanghai.

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Hongkong, Dec. 10, 1917. 2376

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E. D. C. WOLFE,
Colonial Treasurer.

Hongkong, Dec. 10, 1917. 2375

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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THURSDAY,

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Terms:—as usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Dec. 10, 1917. 2377

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED), on

MONDAY,

the 17th December, 1917, at 12.30 noon at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vœux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

SEVERAL CASES LIQUEUR HEATHER DEW SCOTCH WHISKY, SHERRY, PEACH BRANDY, VERMOUTH, &c.

TERMS:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Dec. 10, 1917. 2379

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THE CALENDAR.

MEMO. FOR TO-DAY.

5.30 p.m.—Recital by Mr. Denman Fuller in Helena May Institute.
9.15 p.m.—Boxing Tournamentat ty Hall.

MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, Blackwood, Pianos, etc., etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, Dec. 13:—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Jewellery, etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

FRIDAY, Dec. 14:—
Prince Albert's birthday (1895).
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
5.17 p.m.—New Moon.

SATURDAY, Dec. 15:—
General Holiday.

THURSDAY, Dec. 20:—
Prince George's birthday (1902).

FRIDAY, Dec. 21:—
Hongkong Stock Exchange Settlement Day.

MONDAY, Dec. 24:—
General Holiday.

TUESDAY, Dec. 25:—
Christmas Day: General Holiday.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 26:—
Boxing Day: General Holiday.

FRIDAY, Dec. 28:—
President Woodrow Wilson's birthday (1856).
6.48 p.m.—Total Eclipse of the Moon.
6.52 p.m.—Full Moon.

MONDAY, Dec. 31:—
Hogmanay.

BIRTH.

RANGEL.—On Dec. 4, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. O. RANGEL, a son.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, Dec. 10, 1917.

THE PRICE OF COAL.

THE great rise in the price of coal in the Far East this winter is a subject of general interest. In Hongkong the householder is paying about $30 a ton on the lower levels and $34 at the Peak for Japanese coal, and the question is frequently asked: Why should it be so costly? The great increase in freight is, of course, the main reason. A recent freight report gives the rate from Moji to Hongkong as $17 a ton. At the end of 1914 the freight rate was about $2 per ton. Here then is an increase of $15 per ton in freight alone. To this must be added the great rise in price which has taken place in Japan. We see that the average price for first-class Japanese coal F.O.B. in the first half of the year 1915 was 6 yen per ton, and 5 yen per ton for the remaining half of the year. It is now about 18 yen per ton. What is the reason for this extraordinary increase? Is it increased cost of production, or merely "profiteering"? A table of the ratio of coal output and estimated consumption in Japan for the past five years shows a very large increase recently in consumption over output, the comparative figures being (for every 100 tons):—

	Output.	Consumption.
1912	100	100
1913	108	106
1914	112	111
1915	102	109
1916	115	132

But this increased consumption in Japan would seem to be more than offset by decrease in export. The coal export statistics, given in 1,000 metric tons, show that in 1913 the export was 3,870, while in 1916 it was 2,993. We have no statistics available showing what profits the coal companies are making in Japan, but to all appearances they must be doing extremely well. The Hongkong householder is paying at the present rate of exchange about £5 a ton for his coal. One would imagine that present rates—which show no likelihood of falling for a long time to come—would offer a sufficient inducement to enterprising Chinese to work on modern lines the great coal deposits in the Kwangsi and other nearby provinces from which good coal could be brought to the Hongkong market far cheaper than it can be brought now from Japan. But we may wait till the Greek Kalends for that, and China's mining laws at present effectually debar anybody else from undertaking the enterprise.

A telegram from Harbin, says the "Nagasaki Press," reports that the office of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha was attacked early on 26th ult. by ten Russian soldiers, who fired at the building and smashed the windows. The inmates replied with revolvers, whereupon the soldiers made off. No one was injured.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mee Cheong has sent us a number of excellent photos of the 'Heather Day' Fair and the procession of decorated motor cars.

Mr. Knoll, riding Mr. Henry Humphrey's "Brown Mouse," won the last race at the latest Kiangwan Gymkhana Meeting; and paid a dividend of $202.90.

Exchange opened this morning the same as Friday's closing rate but rose a farthing at 20 minutes past 12. There was no further change, the closing rate being 2/11⅛ demand.

Mr. Turner of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. will conduct the meeting of the Hongkong Christian Union, which will be held to-morrow at 5.30 p.m. in the Helena May Institute.

The ceremony of opening the new pier at Yokohama took place on Sunday the 4th inst. The work has cost 10,000,000 yen and taken nineteen years to complete. The pier is capable of taking thirteen steamers at a time.

Baron Ishii was received in audience by the Emperor of Japan recently to report the result of his Mission to America after which the Emperor sent a message of thanks to President Wilson in which he said:—"Having heard from Baron Ishii's personal report of the enthusiasm of the reception accorded to my special Mission to the United States, I lose no time in again expressing to you and, through you, to the American people my thanks and deep appreciation of the warm display of sincere international friendship, which is all of good augury for the future and which will ever be held in grateful remembrance in Japan."

A party of Chinese journalists is on a visit to Japan. On arrival at Kobe they were greeted at the station here by a large crowd of citizens and residents. They luncheoned with the President of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Consul. In the afternoon the party was invited to a garden party given under the joint auspices of the municipality, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, the Shipping Companies, the Trading Guilds and the newspapers. In the evening the visitors were banqueted by the Sino-Japanese Business Association. The party was agreeably surprised by the cordiality and kindness it had met with since its arrival at Nagasaki.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Lacy Goodrich, Agent at Manila of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, and well-known in all Far Eastern ports, was married at Nagasaki recently to Mrs. Ethel Greene, of San Francisco. The marriage took place at the residence of Mr. A. Ringer.

Mr. A. M. Scott, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Shanghai Office, who left Shanghai in February this year to join H. M. Forces, has been gazetted a 2nd-Lieutenant and appointed to the 4th Batt. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

News has been received that Captain E. J. W. Hughes was killed in action on September 20. Deceased came out to China in March, 1912, to join the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd. and was a member of the Company's staff at Hankow until he returned to England in March 1915, to volunteer.

Two Americans now visiting Japan will be decorated by the Emperor, it has been announced. Mr. E. W. Rice, Jr., president of the General Electric Co., will receive the Third Order of Merit with the Middle Cordon of the Rising Sun, and Mr. Gerard Swope, vice-president of the Western Electric Co., will be given the Fourth Order of Merit, with the Minor Cordon of the Rising Sun. The decorations are awarded, it is stated, in appreciation of the services they have rendered towards the advance of the electrical industry in Japan. The two men will receive their orders shortly through the Foreign Office.

Few will sympathise with that queer bird the conscientious objector, and perhaps the following story, told by a correspondent of the Manchester Guardian gives the correct popular estimate of his demerits:—On my way to prison for the purpose of visiting a conscientious objector I was joined by another woman. We began to exchange confidences. In reply to a question, I said: "I'm going to see a conscientious objector." Her nose turned up with ineffable scorn, and she said: "A conscientious objector? Thank God my man's not one of them things!" and then she added, proudly, "He's in for forgery."

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

["*Chinese Mail*" *Service.*]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 9.

Upon General Tuan Chi Kwei's return from Tientsin to Peking, two important conferences were held at the Palace, at which Yam Chong strongly advocated fighting, and Tuan Chi Kwei supported him. President Feng Kwo Chang concurred and the Government will fight until peace negotiations become possible. The Government will also appropriate funds. All the troops must obey the orders of the Central Government.

General Tuan Chi Kwei will go to Tientsin again, to explain the decision.

Dr Wu Ting Fang has telegraphed to President Feng Kuo Chang advocating mediation between the North and the South and the President has replied asking Dr Wu Ting Fang to persuade Luk Wing Ting to submit peace proposals for consideration.

It is reported that the Tuchuns of Fengtien, Chechiang and Anhui have telegraphed electing Tuan Ki Sui, (the late Premier) Commander-in-Chief of the punitive expedition against the South, but Tuan Ki Sui has declined to post.

It is reported that a mandate has been issued appointing Tam Yin Hoi acting Tukwan of Hunan, in addition to the post of Shangchong.

The Consular body at Swatow will not allow fighting within 30 li of Swatow.

"The Government intends, pending peace negotiations, to instruct Kiangsi to invade Hunan in two directions, one through Lailing and one through Tienmockmoon; thus menacing the South and preventing the latter attacking Yochow.

LOCAL FIRES.

A serious fire broke out early this morning at No. 41 Queen's Road West, the premises occupied by a picture-frame maker. The flames spread to Nos. 44 and 46 Bonham Strand West, these two houses being situated at the back of No. 41 where the fire originated. The Fire Brigade quickly appeared on the scene and was assisted by a fire float and the Fire Brigade from West Point. Owing to the material being highly inflammable great difficulty was experienced in subduing the flames, but the Fire Brigade managed, however, to confine the fire to the three houses. The fire lasted over six hours. The origin of the outbreak and the damage caused are still unascertained.

The Volunteer Fire Brigade also turned out, one of the members being subsequently sent to the Hospital suffering from an injury to his hand.

Another fire occurred in a cattle ranch at Taipo yesterday afternoon. The rancher's house was destroyed as well as a quantity of fodder. The fire was probably caused by dried grass catching fire from a lighted cigarette carelessly thrown. The damage to personal effects is estimated at $250.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

LIEUT. ALAN MORRIS.

A cable has been received in the Colony conveying news of the death of Lieut. Alan Morris, who is reported as killed in action in Palestine on December 1st. The deceased officer, who is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris of Saiyingpun School, passed out fifth from Sandhurst on September 12th, when he was gazetted to the South Wales Borderers. Much sympathy will be felt for Mr. and Mrs. Morris.

SIAM'S NEW SHIPS.

The following new names have been bestowed upon the German vessels captured by Siam:—

Trautenfels	Yiam Samud
Chiengmai	Doen Samud
Deli	Den Samud
Pitsanuloke	Phan Samud
Koh-si-Chang	Sri Samud
Samsen	Pin Samud
Patani	Thong Samud
Petchaburi	Kaeo Samud
Landratschiaff	Laen Samud

Siamese names have also been given to the lighters and tugs seized by Siam. "Samud" indicates ocean-going ships.

A GERM DESTROYER.

THERE is no danger whatever from lock jaw or blood poison resulting from a wound when Chamberlain's Pain Balm is promptly applied. It is an antiseptic and destroys the germs which cause these diseases. It also causes wounds to heal without matter and but in one-third the time required by the usual treatment. For sale by all Chemist and Storekeepers.

THE MAGISTRACY.

A THREATENING LETTER.

A Chinese was charged on remand with sending a threatening letter to Mr. Winslow, manager of the Kowloon Canton Railway, demanding the sum of $5,000.

Mr. W. B. Hind appeared for the defence.

Inspector Terrett stated that Mr. King, Assistant Superintendent of Police, had received the original letter alleged to have been sent by the defendant, and the Police wanted a remand to make further inquiries before they proceeded with the case.

Remand was granted until next Thursday.

EUROPEAN STOKERS CHARGED.

J. Beswarick, J. Bowden and T. Heaslop, stokers, were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning with behaving in a disorderly manner in No. 4 Spring Garden Lane.

All the defendants pleaded not guilty.

After hearing the evidence of Sergt. Floyd, his Worship discharged the third defendant saying there was no evidence against him.

The first and second defendants gave evidence in the witness box in rebuttal of the evidence for the prosecution, but his Worship said he did not believe the defendants' story, and imposed on them a fine of $10 each. The second defendant was also ordered to pay $1.50 compensation for glass broken.

CITY HALL WORK PARTY.

During the past two weeks the City Hall Work Party packed the following:—40 dressing gowns, 157 pyjamas, 91 shirts, 67 bed jackets, 98 vests, 10 reversible bed jackets, 4 surgical shirts, 33 shrouds, 1 night shirt, 5 prs. invalid boots, 25 prs. slippers, 36 prs. operation socks, 11 dozen milk covers, 36 eye bandages 2 many tail bandages, 10 small pillows, 24 hospital squares, 18 mosquito headnets, 11 mosquito nets, 16 scrubbers, 6 cap bandages, 3 knitted helmets. These were packed in three cases and sent to the Red Cross Headquarters in Bombay and to a hospital in Rawalpindi.

Two cases were also sent to the Shropshires—formerly in Hongkong—containing 400 prs. socks, 165 prs. knee caps, 176 mufflers, 57 helmets, 35 prs. gloves and mittens, 671 handkerchiefs, 53 prs. small scissors, and 5 small knives. These were sent with the good wishes of the City Hall and Wesleyan Working Parties.

We are particularly glad to have got off so many mosquito nets. The demands for them are most urgent, and we are working now for the next hot weather. Fridays are put aside at the City Hall for making nets. Tea is served in the afternoon and there are sewing-machines for the use of workers. We would welcome more helpers on this day. Thanks to the generosity of friends we have a large stock of netting and we have a great desire to get it made up and packed off to where the call comes from, just as quickly as is possible.

Mrs. Nicol, who makes the home-made jam and pickles which have become such a feature of our Tuesday work days, is willing to make Christmas cakes to order. Her cakes are really excellent and will keep for a long time. A small size would be $3.50 uniced or $4.50 iced, and a larger one $7.00 uniced and $8.50 iced. Orders can be sent direct to Mrs. Nicol, 4 Austin Avenue, Kowloon, or given in at the City Hall.

(Signed) ETHEL M. STABB.

Hongkong, December 8th, 1917.

The following has been received from Egypt:—

28th October, 1917.

MADAM,—On behalf of the British Red Cross I beg to thank you for your generous gift of bandages, hospital garments &c., for which I have pleasure to enclose an official receipt.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) ALFRED ARNOLD,
Secretary, British Red Cross and Order of St. John, Malta, Egypt and Near East Commission.

To Mrs. Stabb, City Hall, Hongkong.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

MUSKETRY COURSE, PART 1.

Members of the Staff, Mounted Police, Maxim Gunners and of Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons who have not yet fired are warned (1) to attend the range on Sunday next, December 16th, leaving Blake Pier at 9 a.m. and (2) to attend Headquarters Club for instruction on Thursday, December 13th, at 5.30 p.m., uniform optional.

Sixty-three men of No. 1 Platoon fired on Sunday, December 9th. Highest score, 112. Average per man 36.5. Two marksmen and twenty-two first-class marksmen.

F. C. JARVIS, D.E.P. (E.).

THE FLOOD RELIEF FUND.

RESULT OF THE UNIVERSITY UNION'S EFFORTS.

Saturday, the 8th inst., witnessed the end of the Bazaar and Entertainments held in the University. Up to the present it has not been definitely ascertained how much will be collected, but the total already in hand is about $7,000. This is very gratifying, especially as the expected assistance of the general public was lacking. The above-mentioned sum must be credited almost entirely to the efforts of the students and their immediate friends, and the members of the Senate and Court of the University.

The Bazaar, though arranged in about ten days, yielded the greater part of the revenue. The Chinese ladies particularly are to be congratulated on this; and the Rev. C. B. Shann is to be thanked for his efforts in arranging the stalls. The articles for the stalls were partly obtained free from the various Chinese firms and partly bought. The Belilios Girls' School sent about $200 worth of articles to the Benevolent Stall. The valuable prizes offered for the raffles formed a special feature of the Bazaar. These included a diamond bracelet ($500), a model water-tube boiler and steam engine ($250), a silver tea-set ($100), a gramophone, and many other prizes. The winning numbers of the raffles will be published to-morrow.

Before the commencement of the Bazaar, the Hon. Treasurer of the University Union received about $1,000 in subscriptions, and the Chinese Ladies' Working Party, collected a considerable sum, part of which was used in purchasing materials, etc., for their stalls. The actual sales in the Bazaar, including raffles, will probably amount to $4,000, while the balance was made up by the takings in the refreshment department, the sale of the Souvenir Programme, entrance fees to the side shows, etc. The sale of tickets for the evening concert and the amateur theatricals yielded about $1,500.

SATURDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The proceedings on Saturday consisted mainly of the Bazaar, side-shows and music. The Band of the 25th Middlesex Regiment was in attendance. Among the visitors in the afternoon were the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak, the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook and Mrs. Ho Kwong. The drawing of the raffles commenced at 8 p.m., and was immediately followed by the auction of the goods still unsold. Professor C. A. M. Smith, as auctioneer, opened the sale by expressing the thanks of the University Union to all those who had assisted in obtaining such a good result. He mentioned particularly Mrs. Chan, Mrs. Chow, Mrs. Lu Cheong, Miss Kwok and Miss Woo, who had worked exceedingly hard for the good cause. Among the undergraduates, Messrs. Wong Yik Cho, G. S. K. Kwok, Tuy Gan Tin and Lim Bang Inn had particularly distinguished themselves, although the others not only worked hard in preparation for the Bazaar, etc., but also spent their money most liberally. At the auction, the breezy remarks of Professor Smith materially aided in fetching good prices for the goods. The students, no doubt, will have to deny themselves to pay up for the generous way in which they "ran up" the prices. Everyone, however, was delighted to think that his or her efforts had finally resulted in securing not an ungratifying sum of money for the immediate relief of the victims of the Tientsin Flood.

GREAT FIRE IN TOKIO.

EKOIN TEMPLE AND KOKUGI KAN COMPLETELY DESTROYED.

A big fire occured recently in the building known as Kokugi Kan, in Riogoku, Tokio. The fire spread with great rapidity, and the huge structure was completely gutted in less than an hour. The Ekoin Temple, close by, was also reduced to ashes. The offices of the Wrestlers Association were also destroyed. A number of firemen and several wrestlers were seriously injured in fighting the flames. The Kokugi Kan was built nine years ago at the cost of Y250,000 and covered 1,500 tsubos. It was capable of accommodating 15,000 spectators. The principal wrestling matches of the country were held there. The building was insured for Y100,000 with the Meiji Fire and Kiodo Fire Insurance Companies. The total loss is estimated to reach Y2,000,000. The fire is attributed to a leakage of the electric current.

TRADE WITH EAST AFRICA.

It is to be hoped that the Government is now fully awake to the urgency of stimulating the trade relationship between the Mother Country and her colonies. This is no after-the-war problem; then we shall be faced with an intensive competition, which we shall not be able to cope with satisfactorily unless we now recognise where and how we have failed in the past, and immediately set about to rectify our shortcomings. In East Africa especially, we have a lot of leeway to make up. Whatever the fate of the ex-German colonies in that quarter may be, we have the responsibility of developing the products and trade of British East Africa, a responsibility which has, in the past, been sadly neglected. With a view to inquiry into the trade, shipping and labour questions affecting this colony, the British East Africa Economic Commission has been sitting in Mombasa, and some interesting evidence and pertinent suggestions were put forward, the lessons of which we shall do well to heed closely. One witness drew a comparison between British enterprise towards her colony and German pre-war methods in what was then "German" East Africa. German goods received no favours such as low freight or tariff concessions, but the whole of the trade of German East Africa was in the hands of German firms. It was therefore only natural that the trade with their home country should have been large. The official statistics show that the Fatherland furnished 52 per cent. of the exports. It was the usual practice of the firms importing to get the goods they required, if possible, from Germany, and failing that they reluctantly turned to other countries, the merchants making it a practice to demand a much wider margin of profit on such goods than they would expect to receive on goods from their own country. A comparison of the distribution of the foreign trade of the two colonies of German East Africa to British East Africa in 1913, shows the imports and exports of their respective home countries as follows:—

IMPORTS.

British East Africa.—Total £1,300,00", England supplied £530,000, Germany supplied £15 ,000.

German East Africa.—Total £2,400,000, Germany supplied £1,230,000, England supplied £110,000.

EXPORTS.

British East Africa.—Total £1,000,00, England took £400,000, Germany took £160,000.

German East Africa.—Total £1,500,000, Germany took £850,000, England took £160,000.

Just over a third of the total imports of British East Africa came from the Mother Country. Over one-half of the total imports of German East Africa came from Germany. England supplied one-twentieth of the imports into German East Africa, whereas Germany supplied one-eighth of the imports into British East Africa. As regards exports, England took less than half of her colony's products, whereas Germany took over one half of her colony's. Another witness favoured the suggestion that export freight rates on produce should be reduced, and the loss made up to the shipping companies by an extra import tax on luxuries. He thought the essential articles of ex-German trade had been captured by British and Allied firms. Finally, a reorganisation of our Consular Service on a commercial basis was called for, so that the consuls would be able to obtain all necessary information and connect manufacturers with consumers and producers. All British vice consuls should be British subjects, and it would be a good idea to have a Trades Commissioner in British East Africa.—"S. & S."

EASTERN EXTENSION TELEGRAPH.

The report of the Eastern Extension, Australasia and China Telegraph Company for 1916 states that the gross receipts amounted to £1,221,497, against £950,030 for the previous year. The working expenses, including £74,808 for the maintenance of cables, absorbed £430,244, against £388,672 for the previous year, leaving a balance of £791,253, and after adding £38,816 brought forward from the preceding account the available balance was £830,070. From this balance £246,853 was provided for income-tax and excess profits duty payable in England and £30,096 for interest on the Mortgage Debenture stock, leaving £553,121, out of which four dividends of 1½ per cent each and a bonus of 2 per cent, amounting together to £240,000, were paid, making a total distribution for the year 1916 of 8 per cent. free of income-tax. The balance of £313,121 has been disposed of by transferring £250,000 to the general reserve fund and carrying forward £63,121 to the next account. The agreement entered into by the French Government with the company in 1884, for providing and maintaining under a subsidy arrangement cable communication between Cochin China and Tonquin having expired, the cable has been sold and transferred to the Government. After crediting capital expenditure with the cost of the cable (£121,455), which was originally debited to that account, the loss resulting from the transaction, amounting to £86,154, has been debited to the general reserve fund. Under arrangements with the Governments of the Australian Commonwealth and New Zealand, the Company's cable stations at La Perouse (near Sydney) and Wakapuaka (near Nelson) have been closed, and its cables between Australia and New Zealand extended to Wellington, where they are now being worked direct with Sydney under greatly improved conditions. The cost of the extensions and partial renewals of the cables will be debited to the general reserve fund in the current year's accounts

WHOOPING COUGH.

WHEN your child has whooping cough be careful to keep the cough loose and expectoration easy by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as may be required. This remedy will also liquify the tough mucus and make it easier to expectorate. It has been used successfully in many epidemics and as it contains no narcotic or other injurious substances it is perfectly safe. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

TELEGRAMS.

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A SIGNIFICANT PROCLAMATION.

GENERAL KALEDIN'S OPERATIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 10.

A Russian message gives the details of a significant proclamation by the Bolshevik régime which contains admissions indicating the powerful counter forces now working.

The proclamation, after attempting to excite class passions and accusing the Cadets of lavishly financing the counter revolution, states that General Kaledin, assisted by General Korniloff, has declared a state of war in the Don region, hindering the supply of bread at the Front, and that General Kaledin is collecting forces and is menacing Moscow and other towns; has arrested the military revolutionary committee, and is endeavouring to cut off the supply of bread from Siberia to the Front.

General Karailoff is attacking at two places, in the Caucasus and Ukraine, thwing troops to the Don region, and hindering the distribution of the Bolshevik suppressive military forces.

The proclamation says the Revolution is endangered and armed resistance will be offered against the counter-revolutionaries. It decrees all places where counter-revolutionary detachments are discovered shall be in a state of seige. Negotiations of any kind are forbidden by the people, and railwaymen assisting the counter-revolutionaries are threatened with the most dire penalties. The leaders of the conspiracy are declared outlaws.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

SHELLING ENEMY FORCES.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

An Italian official message states:—Our batteries on the Asiago Plateau, heavily shelled the hostile forces.

A French patrol, between the Brenta and the Piave, brought back some prisoners.

Our aeroplanes effectively bombarded the lines of communication on the Asiago Plateau, machine-gunning troops.

Our airships dropped four tons of bombs on enemy encampments.

BRITISH AND FRENCH TROOPS IN POSITION.

Reuter's Correspondent at the Italian Headquarters, writing yesterday, says: The British and French troops have now occupied their assigned positions on the front line. The Montello hills, which the British strongly hold, extend for ten miles. They are situated in a curve formed by the Piave where it debouches from the mountains towards the plain. The Montello region commands thirty miles of the valley of the Piave and overlooks two main roads by which the enemy can invade the country on one side. The Piave coming from the Feltre hills form the last bulwark in the way of the Austro-German descent from the eastern side of Monte Grappa.

THE HALIFAX CALAMITY.

2,000 KILLED, 5,000 INJURED AND 20,000 DESTITUTE.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

A telegram from Montreal states that the latest figures show a death list in Halifax of over 2,000, and that 5,000 were injured. A blizzard is intensifying the sufferings.

Owing to lack of accommodation, the dead are being piled in the parks and open spaces, as the bodies are extricated from the ruins.

Sir R. L. Borden, who had been speaking at Armherst, went to Halifax and helped in the organization of relief.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.

A telegram from Halifax states that 20,000 people are destitute and the damage is estimated at £6,000,000.

The heaviest loss of life was amongst children. Some of the schools were wiped out.

It is stated that the munition ship carried 4,000 tons of trinitrotoluol and the explosion caused a 40 foot tidal wave which washed over the railroad, destroying 400 cars and 20 locomotives.

THE REVOLUTION IN PORTUGAL.

A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT FORMED.

MADRID, Dec. 9.

A message from Oporto states that the revolution has been successful and the Government has resigned.

Senhor Alfonso Costa has formed a Provisional Government, including Senhor Sidonio Paos, the ex-Minister to Berlin.

All is quiet in Lisbon and Oporto.

THREE DAYS' FIERCE FIGHTING.

LISBON, Dec. 9.

After three days' fierce fighting between the troops faithful to the Government and the revolutionaries, under Senhor Sidonio Paes, the Government, in order to avoid disastrous dissensions in the army, proposed a cessation of hostilities and resigned.

Lisbon is militarily controlled.

The Parliament lacks a quorum.

Some of the infantry regiments, a cavalry regiment and part of an artillery regiment are supporting the revolutionaries.

The Rocio railway station was damaged by hand grenades and the tramway services has been entirely suspended.

The cruiser *Vasco da Gama* and the torpedo boat *Vasco Diama* fired on the town.

The revolutionaries were entrenched in King Edward VII. Park and repelled the Government troops, with heavy losses.

When the *Vasco da Gama*, on which the Ministers were installed, fired on the city, Senhor Paes sent a wireless message stating that if the bombardment did not cease the forts would reply, whereupon the firing ceased.

TRANQUILITY RESTORED.

MADRID Dec. 10.

The Spanish Minister at Lisbon has sent a message stating that tranquillity has been restored.

The revolutionary committee, in a manifesto, affirms the determination to stand alongside Great Britain and the other Allies and to fulfil Portugal's international obligations. Senhor Machado will temporarily remain President of the Republic, but Senhor Pimentado Castro will replace him after the revolutionary Cabinet has been formed.

THE WAGES TROUBLE IN THE TEXTILE TRADE.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

A conference of cotton employers and operatives, held at Manchester at the suggestion of the Ministry of Labour, has agreed to recommend the following settlement of the wages question:—That an advance of 15 per cent. shall be paid from the week ending December 15th, after which there will be no change until the week ending June 10th, 1918.

LATER.

The Federation of Master Cotton Spinners and the Bolton Master Cotton Spinners Association have approved of the recommended settlement, and there is little doubt that the meetings of the operatives' organisations, to-morrow, will resolve in a similar manner.

There is general satisfaction throughout Lancashire that the wages question has been settled, at least for six months.

LATER.

The delegates of the card room workers and spinners have confirmed the provisional settlement and it is anticipated that the weavers will decide similarly on Monday.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

Messrs. Samuel, Montagu and Company's Silver Report states that the Market has maintained a quiet and steady tone. Should the report that the Government is acquiring 100,000,000 ounces of silver for delivery in 1918 be correct, this would be equal to 50 per cent. of the world's probable production, whilst if only the United States output is purchased, it would be equal to about 87½ per cent. The Indian note circulation has fallen by 147 lakhs and the silver holding by 194 lakhs, but the gold holding has increased by 47 lakhs.

LONDON, Dec. 10.

The Silver Market is quiet.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

LOCAL FIGHTING.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

There was local fighting this afternoon, eastward of Boursees, but on the remainder of the front there was no infantry action.

There was hostile artillery firing on our positions in the neighbourhood of the Flesquieres—Monchy-le-Preux—Passchendaele sector.

One German machine was brought down, and another landed intact behind our lines. Four of our machines are missing.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS.

PARIS, Dec. 9.

A communiqué states that a big German raid on Beaumont completely failed.

Seven persons were killed and twenty injured in the air-raid on Calais on the night of the 5th inst.

AERIAL ACTIVITY.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

The Admiralty announces that naval aircraft dropped many bombs on the Aertrycke aerodrome this morning.

The weather was cloudy, and the enemy scouts attacked the bombers. The latter drove down two machines apparently damaged.

There were many patrol fights, in which we destroyed two machines and shot down one.

All our machines returned.

THE WITHDRAWAL AT CAMBRAI.

BRITISH PRESS COMMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

The majority of the papers regard the set-back at Cambrai as serious.

The *Daily Chronicle* says that practically the whole drain of Anglo French reinforcements for Italy seems to have been on Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig's reserves, for Sir Douglas Haig had taken over a large piece of the French Front, apparently to enable the French also to send a large army to Italy. Comprehensive policies must be adopted to restore Sir Douglas Haig's superiority in men and guns.

The *Times* says that prompt decisions on the question of man-power are most imperative. Great Britain must husband and develop her military resources to the utmost and stand in the breach, so that civilisation and freedom may be saved. We have reached that stage of the war when no man or woman is justified in remaining in occupations that are not essential.

The *Morning Post* and *Daily Mail* are more optimistic.

The former says that Sir Douglas Haig deliberately abandoned the salient not because he could not have kept it, but because the salient was costly to hold. Our gains were threefold. We had broken the Hindenburg Line, inflicted heavy losses on the enemy, and had established ourselves on the Hindenburg Line. If General Sir Julian Byng's operation is viewed in its proper perspective as a raid on a great scale, it was a brilliant success. The enemy had built a fortress and we occupy it.

The *Daily Mail* says there is no justification for Hindenburg's boast of victory. He failed completely in his main enterprise of breaking and rolling up our line and striking a blow like he did in Italy.

SUCCESSES IN MESOPOTAMIA.

RUSSIANS CO-OPERATING.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

An official report from Mesopotamia states:—

We pursued the Turks as far as Karatepeh village, 25 miles northward of Deli Abbas, through which the enemy was driven on Wednesday. After a sharp engagement the pursuit was carried out in difficult country.

The British troops, with the Russians on their right flank, showed great endurance in overcoming all obstacles.

We captured between the 3rd and 5th inst. 227 prisoners and two field-guns.

[Karatepeh is about 60 miles north-east of Baghdad.]

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

Silver is quoted at 43d. It is dearer owing to the difficulty in satisfying small orders.

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AMERICAN NAVAL HELP.

ALL BRITISH ANTI-SUBMARINE DEVICES REVEALED.

The co-operation of the British Admiralty with Admiral Sims and other American naval officers has been most complete since the outbreak of the war. Mr. Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, recently issued the following statement:—

The spirit shown by the Admiralty has been one of perfect openness, frankness, and co-operation. Our officers have access to every bit of information obtainable by the Admiralty officials in relation to submarine warfare. They have opened every door to Admiral Sims and his associates.

This statement to the public was prompted by published reports that a British invention for combating submarines had been withheld. "On the contrary," Mr. Daniels says, "every device employed by the British Navy has been fully explained to the American officers."

SPORTING

CRICKET.

KOWLOON C.C. v. R.E.

The Kowloon C. C., on Saturday, played Royal Engineers at King's Park. Result:—

R.E.

Sgt. McGregor, not out	29
Sapr. Gordon, b Cobb	16
Corpl. Adams, b Cobb	6
C. A. M. S. Reakes, b Cobb	0
Lieut. Wahl, b Cobb	1
Sapr. Waller, b Cobb	0
Lce. Cpl. Lucas, c Hodge, b Stalker	21
S. S. Cripwell, b Stalker	8
Sapr. Millard, b Stalker	4
Lce. Cpl. Todd, c Stalker, b Cobb	1
Sapr. Townsend, c and b Stalker	1
Extras	5
Total	92

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pestonji	6	1	16	—
Cobb	18	5	44	6
Stalker	13.3	4	27	4

K.C.C.

F. Wheeler, run out	57
J. Stalker, c McGregor, b Cripwell	20
L. J. Blackburn, b Adams	21
L. E. S. Hodge, b Adams	17
Lt. J. K. McConnell, b Cripwell	0
P. H. Cobb, not out	3
W. T. Elson, J. P. Robinson, A. de Sousa, R. Pestonji, H. Overy, did not bat.	
Extras	6
Total	124

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cripwell	10	nil	36	2
Reakes	8	—	26	—
Townsend	4	—	12	—
Adams	6	—	24	2

CIVIL SERVICE v. 85TH CO. R.G.A.

This was a friendly match on the Civil Service Ground and resulted in an easy win for the visitors. Scores:—

CIVIL SERVICE.

W. Dixon, c Hawley, b Lord	12
D. M. Goodall, b Attwood	49
R. C. Witchell, b Attwood	20
C. M. W. Reynolds, b Sharp	17
J. E. Hamilton, b Sharp	0
O. Woodman, run out	1
J. T. Brown, b Attwood	0
W. J. Woolley, b Attwood	6
F. Bacon, b Attwood	0
P. T. Lamble, b Sharp	3
F. Roylance, not out	0
Extras	10
Total	112

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lord	0	2	24	1
Attwood	12	0	46	5
Taylor	3	0	21	0
Glead	3	0	9	0
Sharp	4	3	2	3

83RD CO. R.G.A.

Gr. Green, c Goodall, b Witchell	17
Gr. Taylor, c Witchell, b Dixon	18
Gr. Page, b Dixon	18
Gr. Sharp, not out	33
Gr. J. Lord, b Dixon	7
Br. Glead, c Dixon, b Witchell	5
Gr. E. Lord, b Witchell	0
Gr. Attwood, not out	35
Extras	23
Total (for 6 wickets)	166

Gr. Hawley, Sgt. Townsend, and Gr. Winterton did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dixon	14	4	63	3
Reynolds	4	0	17	0
Witchel	10	3	32	3
Bacon	2	0	21	0

CRAIGENGOWER v. CHINESE RECREATION CLUB.

This match, played on Saturday on the C.C.C. ground, resulted in victory for the home team, thanks to the fine bowling of Graham and the good batting of Abbas and Basa. Scores:—

C.R.C.

Ng Sze Kwong, b Graham	15
H. Ching, c Grimmett, b Graham	10
G. Lee, b Graham	0
Un Hew Fan, c Grimmett, b Abbas	20
Ng Sze Yuen, b Graham	6
Ho Wing Kin, b Graham	0
Yew Man Chun, c Basa b Abbas	2
Wong Po Keung, b Abbas	0
Wai Kwok Kwong, b Graham	4
Wai Lee San, not out	2
Kwok Shiu Yan, b Grimmett	9
Extras	4
Total	78

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Graham	12	2	30	6
Grimmett	7	1	25	1
Abbas	6	0	19	3

CRAIGENGOWER.

B. Basa, c and b Un Hew Fan	30
S. Jex, c Ho Wing Kin, b Ching	0
M. H. Abbas, run out	29
F. G. Thompson, b Ng Sze Kwong	8
W. Graham, b Un Hew Fan	9
A. W. Grimmett, c Lee, b Un Hew Fan	6
F. Rapp, c Lee, b How Wing Kin	10
W. W. Edwards, c Wai Lee San, b Un Hew Fan	2
L. A. Rose, b Ho Wing Kin	4
G. Sara, c Wai Lee San, b Ho Wing Kin	6
J. D. Noria, not out	2
Extras	3
Total	113

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Yew Man Tsun	5	1	23	0
H. Ching	5	0	19	1
Ng Sze Kwong	8	0	28	1
Un Hew Fan	8	2	29	4
Ho Wing Kin	5	0	10	3

R.G.A. v. HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

The match between the R.G.A. and Hongkong University was played on Saturday, resulting in a victory for the R.G.A.:—

R.G.A.

Bd. Drummond, c Cheah Toon Lock b Brayshay	19
Bd. Dix, b Redmond	53
Bd. Athorne, c Samy, b Brayshay	25
Gr. Baines, b Redmond	9
Sr. Talford, b Redmond	26
Lt. Baker, c & b Redmond	0
Gr. Perkins, not out	16
Gr. Boucock, c Hall, b Brayshay	0
Q.M.S. Ross, not out	1
Extras	14
	186

Bd. Mann and Bd. Armatys did not bat.

ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Brayshay	19	0	73	3
Marley	7	0	29	0
Redmond	13	0	50	4

THE UNIVERSITY.

J. D. Wright, c Mann, b Athorne	25
G. E. Marley, b Athorne	40
F. A. Redmond, not out	18
K. Brayshay, not out	7
	90

R. A. Ponsonby Fane, G. Hall, D. K. Samy, Cheah Toon Lock, V. Atienza, and J. M. Jack did not bat.

ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Athorne	11	1	38	2
Boocock	6	2	27	0
Lt. Baker	2	0	11	0
Armatys	3	0	14	0

UNIVERSITY XI. v. QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

In this match, played on the University ground, the visitors proved too strong for the University, and they secured the honours by 45 runs. Besides five of their batsmen running up double figure scores, their fielding was exceptionally good. Adam Ismail batted well for the University and Thivy bowled in good style, but the batting of the other members of the team, with the exception of J. J. Basto, was bad and their fielding was also very inferior, as compared with that of their opponents.

25TH MIDDLESEX v. NAVY.

The 25th Middlesex XI met the Navy XI. on Saturday, on the Navy ground. The Army team batted first, and started off badly losing three wickets for only eleven runs. Tebbutt and Grove, however, remedied this but with the exception of Miles and Purnell the scoring was poor. An exceptionally high total of extras—17—brought the total score to 99.

The Navy team however, was unable to reach their opponents' score and with the exception of Keyes and Carey the scoring was poor and they lost the match by 31 runs.

DANGEROUS GERMANS IN AMERICA.

TWO FORMER LONDON BANKERS ARRESTED.

New York, October 17.—Fritz Kuhn, a former London representative of the Deutsche Bank, and George von Seebeck, also formerly connected with a German bank in London, were arrested on Tuesday evening and sent to Ellis Island for internment as dangerous enemy aliens.

Kuhn and von Seebeck fled from England to escape internment, and on arriving here secured employment with a trust company, where von Seebeck became head of one of the divisions of the foreign department. Over a year ago, however, both men were discharged, owing to their pro-German sympathies, and were afterwards employed by a firm of importers on the water-front, where they were arrested.

The reasons for the arrests cannot be ascertained. Von Seebeck is reputed to be a member of a famous family of German army officers. Kuhn is stated to be a friend of Count Bernstorff.—Reuter.

GERMANS AND THE SUBMARINE POLICY.

"Vorwärts" states that Dr. Michaelis's speech on the naval mutiny was heavily censored before publication, lest the full text should harm German interests in foreign countries. Herr Naumann, the Radical deputy whose name is identified with the Central-Europe idea, made revelation in the same debate. After another expressing very considerable scepticism as to the success of the submarine campaign he went on to say:—

When the submarine was resolved on we kept silence, although we regarded it as extraordinarily dangerous. We regarded it as our patriotic duty to hope that this weapon, with its grave subsidiary results, would exercise its main effects in our favour.

The German Government, with the aid of the "patriotic silence" of Herr Naumann and his friends, has hitherto kept dark the fact that the submarine policy was forced through against strong opposition, and that the opponents, though silenced, were unconvinced. Now they have recovered speech, and doubtless, as the fatal character of the submarine decision becomes more and more apparent, the numbers who will denounce it and its authors will multiply. They are not troubled about the morality of the submarine warfare. What concerns them is the measureless folly of the policy. If any single act more than another will have guaranteed the defeat of Germany in this war it is the unrestricted submarine campaign. Nothing can sustain the credit and prestige of the rulers and the system which have that imbecility to their account. All the manufactured propaganda, and all the elaborate conspiracies against independent deputies cannot check the growth among the German people of the conviction that their rulers have shown themselves stupid, incompetent, and, in the most tragic issues, frivolous. According to the "Frankfurter Zeitung," Admiral von Capelle has quickly drawn the inevitable moral from the latest blunder, and offered his resignation. But his responsibility is not greater than that of Dr. Michaelis, and both are but symbols of the ruling caste. It is that which stands before the German people bankrupt and condemned.

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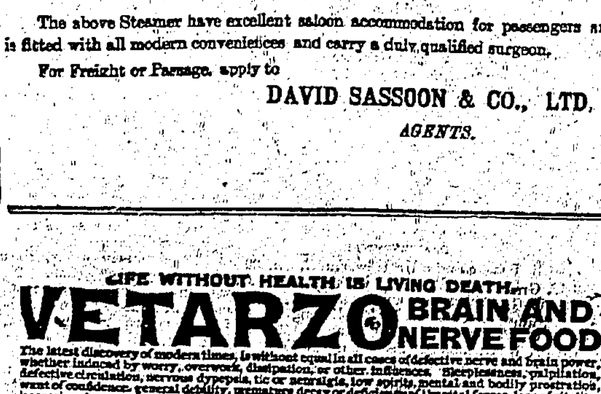
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(From Our Own Correspondent.)

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The Harvest Moon ended its course in more or less stormy weather, so our hectic period of nocturnal excitement from Hun raiders has been suspended. Dark and mostly windy nights are now our portion, and so far the raiders have not essayed to bomb us in our beds while the shroud of blackness is over the earth.

"It has been predicted that he will do so, but a distinguished general, holding a high position in Whitehall, told me this week he feels perfectly easy in his mind when the nights are dark and he doubts the inclination of the Germans to risk it, or to succeed in it even if they try.

We shall see in a few days what the "Hunter's Moon" will do for us; late in the nights unless the windier tendency of the autumn acts as a deterrent to the baby-killers.

Reminiscences of the mid nights continue to be "interesting, and, (except as regards our aliens, including the Chinese) creditable. A correspondent who was at Westminster Abbey during the last Sunday night raid states that "the Abbey was kept open and the organist played after the evening service until the last element of danger was over. The dimly lighted Abbey looked weirdly beautiful, and the selection of music was lovely. A good many people wandered aimlessly about, others sat talking in subdued tones; only a few knelt in prayer. One woman was busily engaged in telling her beads; perhaps it is centuries since this has been done by a Roman Catholic within the Abbey. Another woman removed her boots and stockings and stood barefooted in a nook, with her hands folded over her bosom. Was this some penance self-inflicted as a votive offering? Anyhow, her face betrayed not a vestige of emotion as the shrapnel was heard falling."

THE SUBMARINES.

"This week the shipping losses are slightly higher, but I understand the fact is that last week we launched more tonnage than was sunk. That does not eliminate the gravity of the situation. We need an enormous tonnage; the supply has been seriously reduced, and though we may keep pace from now on with the losses, we cannot recover the lost advantage. America needs most of her foodstuffs for her growing army, and we have great transport problems as regards Australian and other supplies. Hence it is that though we shall not starve, we shall be shorter of food in the next six months than ever before. So a big food economy campaign is again in progress, to induce the cooks to fight the Germans by avoiding waste, and the farmers are concentrating on more cultivation to make us more and more self-sustaining.

GLOOMY GERMAN MERCHANTS.

"Though the Prussian Military may still shout for conquest, the Hamburg merchants are gloomy in the extreme, especially since China and the South American republics—on which they set great hopes for after the war trade—have joined the Allies.

Advices which have been received in a prominent neutral quarter here from Amsterdam indicate that the German Government has just returned an answer to the local and commercial authorities at Hamburg declining a request that an Imperial grant may be made for the purpose of putting that town and port into such a state as may be necessary for the resumption of business on the conclusion of peace. The German Government apparently can promise neither a grant in aid nor the essential labour for carrying out the work, but suggests that both may be forthcoming when peace is made. This can afford but small comfort to the Hamburg municipal and other authorities, upon whom the exigencies of the war have fallen so heavily that they have been compelled, according to neutral testimony, to allow the port to fall into a state of neglect, which bodes ill for the future commercial success of Germany overseas when foreign markets are again open to her.

PAPER SHORTAGE.

From all over the world comes news of the shortage of paper. Now, as if there were not sufficient trouble in the paper trade already, another difficulty faces the makers. They fear that their stocks of china clay will soon be exhausted. The chief source of china clay in the past has been Devon and Cornwall, which used to export huge quantities. The Government tonnage restrictions affecting imports and exports connected with paper manufacture reduced the call for china clay, but, on the other hand, the corresponding call for men led to a heavy depletion of labour at the pits, and hence to a considerable reduction in the output, which again caused an equal rise in price for the finished product.

Now the difficulties over tonnage have increased, and, in addition, new demands for men are being made by the National Service Department, which, it is estimated, will leave at the disposal of the employers only one-third or even less, of the total number of hands in existence before the war.

THE BRITISH ARMY.

A reliable correspondent writes:—"The British Army is now the most terrible fighting machine in the world. That was the considered opinion expressed to me by a Staff officer who had great knowledge not only of our Allied, but also of the enemy armies. We have devised a military machine in three years superior to anything Germany has produced, after thirty years of elaborate planning. Not only that, but having learnt much from our allies, we are now teaching them. The British system of schools of instruction for everybody from corps commanders down to non-commissioned officers is responsible for the perfect working of the recent operations, and the French are copying our methods, the distinguished general in charge of French army instruction being an almost fanatical admirer of English military ways. If, however, we have evolved an incomparable military machine, nobody need be afraid that we are becoming Prussianised. We have beaten the Germans because we have used democratic methods. The foundation of our success rests upon the infantry private. All his training is directed to making him master of his various arms, developing his intelligence, and giving him a sense of initiative and responsibility. The British soldier fights well because he wants to fight in a great cause, and because he is trained as an individual man and not merely as a senseless part in a great machine."

THE ECONOMIC PRESSURE.

The German Chancellor's last speech in the Reichstag shows the uneasiness of the Huns as to their trade chances after the war. They had been consoling themselves that they would have China and South America to operate in, and those markets, they hoped, would absorb their dumped products if all the rest of the world were hostile. And now, after all their preparations, and after all the interned Huns have been studying Spanish and calculating the Chinese currency with might and main, these countries have the bad taste not to show appreciation of German kultur.

Meanwhile we are cutting some of the toils that have bound us to German commerce. Our dye industry is now pretty well on the road to independence. We are doing well with toys, and several other lines are giving good returns. The entry of the United States into the war has secured to the Allies an ample supply of potash for munitions purposes. One of the most prominent industries on the coasts of Scotland and Ireland used to be the gathering of kelp for the production of this chemical, which is as invaluable for agricultural uses in peace as for destructive purposes in time of war. The ministry, however, declined before the competition of the German deposits at Stassfurt, the richness of which ultimately sufficed to supply the world. As a consequence, when the war broke out Germany was obviously in the best position as the sole producer of a most important constituent of high explosives. Almost at once, however, the old industry on the Scottish and Irish coasts was revived and gradually the lost leeway was made up, and now that America has come in all doubts have been removed.

THE CONKER.

Another Autumn harvest that has gained a new importance is that of the horse chestnuts, or "conkers" as the country children call them. I fear that the campaign for gathering them has been a great success and that thousands of children have done their bit at it, with an aggregate result of scores of tons from several counties. The conkers are used in some way in making explosives, and the important thing is that they are a substitute for grain in that particular direction, every ton of chestnuts releasing half a ton of grain for bread.

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PARADES.

TUESDAY, 11th instant:—
7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company, Full parade.
5.15 p.m.—Left Half Company, Full parade.
THUSDAY, 13th instant:—
7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company (Gun numbers other than specialists).
5.15 p.m.—Left Half Company (Gun numbers other than specialists).
FRIDAY, 14th instant:—
7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company Layers' and Setters' Class only.
5.15 p.m.—Left Half Company Layers' and Setters' Class only.

Orders for Engineer Company by Captain W. Russell.

7th to 14th instant.
E. L. Manning nightly at Belchers and and Lyeemun. Parades as per Rosters posted at Headquarters.
Engine drivers at 5.15 p.m.
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PARADES FOR INSTRUCTION.

Classes for bridle ratinger at Belchers at 6 p.m. on Thursday and Thursday, under Staff Sergts. Ovenden, and Parsons, R.E. Corporal Day and 2nd Corporal Norris, H.K.D.C.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

PARADES.

(For members of the Corps not in Camp on the dates mentioned.)
TUESDAY, 11th instant.—
4.30 p.m. "A" Company, No. 3 Platoon, Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices, 5, 6, 7 and 8, at King's Park Range. Dress, Drill order with pouches.
WEDNESDAY 12th instant:—
4.30 p.m. "A" Company, No. 3 Platoon, Annual Musketry Course, Part 2 Practices 8 and 9, at King's Park Range. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

RECRUITS.

WEDNESDAY, 12th instant:—
5.15 p.m. New members (joined since 1.9.17) at Headquarters under C.S.M. Cooke and Lce Sergt. Meade.
5.15 p.m. Quarry Bay residents at Taikoo Dock.

Orders for Cadet Company by 2nd Lieut. Beard, J.E.W.

WEDNESDAY, 12th instant:—
5.15 p.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Sections at Yaumati Football Ground.
6.30 p.m. Buglers at Yaumati Football Ground.
6.30 p.m. Gymnasium at St. Andrew's Church Hall.

To-day's Advertisements

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LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILS

OUTWARD.

For	Week-Days	Sundays & Holidays
Tai O	5.00 P.M.	—
Tai Po	10.00 A.M.	9.30 A.M.
Cheung Chow	7.30 A.M. & 3 P.M.	—
Shatankok, Shatin and Sheungshui	4.00 P.M.	—
Aberdeen, Autau Ping Shan, Sai Kung, Santin, Stanley	4.30 P.M.	—
Canton Samsui and Wuchow	7.30 A.M. Regis. 5 P.M. Letters 6 P.M.	5.00 P.M.
Macao	7.15 A.M. 1.30 P.M.	9.00 A.M.
Kongmoon	6.00 P.M. Except Saturdays	5.00 P.M.
Namtau and Saumei	5.00 P.M.	5.00 P.M.
Shamchun	10.00 A.M. 4.00 P.M.	9.00 A.M.

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For	Week-Days	Sundays & Holidays
Macao	7.30 A.M. 1.30 P.M. 8.30 A.M.	7.30 A.M. 1.30 P.M.
Canton	7.30 A.M. 9.30 P.M. 9.30 A.M.	7.30 A.M. 9.30 P.M.
Tai Ping Tung	9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M. 9.30 A.M.	9.30 P.M.
Shek Ki	9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M. 9.30 A.M.	9.30 P.M.
Kongmoon	6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M.	6.00 P.M.
Kumchuk	6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M.	6.00 P.M.
Kaukong	6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M. Except Saturdays.	6.00 P.M.

In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m. Registration closes at 5 o'clock on the previous evening.

HONGKONG REGISTER.

	Previous day at 9 p.m.	On date at 6 a.m.	On date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.02	30.03	29.99
Temperature	67	55	65
Humidity	20	64	31
Direction of Wind	sw.	—	s.
Force	1	0	4
Weather	c.	b.	c.
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open air Temperature on the 9th inst. 69
Lowest open air Temperature on the 10th inst. 49

T. F. CLARKSON, Director.
Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 10, 1917.

HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

Butcher Meat.

		Cts.
Beef Sirloin.—Mei Lung Pa	lb.	21
,, Prime Cut	,,	21
,, Corned,—Ham Ngau Yuk	,,	20
,, Roast,—Shiu	,,	20
,, Breast,—Ngau Nam	,,	18
,, Soup,—Tong Yuk	,,	16
,, Steak,—Ngau Yuk Pa	,,	20
,, Steak Sirloin,—Ngau Lan	,,	30
,, Sausages,—Ngau Cheung No. 1	,,	25
Bullock's Brains,—Ngau No	per set	9
,, Tongue, fresh,—Ngau Li	each	45
,, Tongue, corned,—Ham Ngau Li	each	60 cents.
,, Head,—Ngau Tau	each	80
,, Heart,—Ngau Sam	lb.	13
,, Hump, Salt—Ngau Kin	,,	18
,, Feet,—Ngau Keuk	each	10
,, Kidneys,—Ngau Yiu	,,	9
,, Tail,—Ngau Mei	,,	18
,, Liver,—Ngau Kon	lb.	12
,, Tripe (undressed), Ngau To	lb.	6
Calves' Head and Feet,—Ngau-tsai-tau-keuk	set	$1.00
Mutton Chop,—Yeung Pei Kwat	lb.	26
,, Leg,—Yeung Pei	,,	26
,, Shoulder,—Yeung Shau	,,	24
,, Saddle,—Yeung On Yuk	,,	16
Pig's Chitlings,—Chu Chong	,,	4
,, Brains,—Chu No	per set	3
,, Feet,—Chu Keuk	lb.	14
,, Fry,—Chu Chap	,,	20
,, Head,—Chu Tau	,,	18
,, Heart,—Chu Sam	each	10
,, Kidneys,—Chu Yiu	each	10
,, Liver,—Chu Kon	lb.	30
Pork Chop,—Chu Pai Kwat	,,	24
,, Leg,—Chu Pei	,,	28
,, Loin,—Chu Hau Tun	,,	28
,, Fat or Lard,—Chu Yau	,,	21
Sheep's Head and Feet,—Yeung Tau Keuk	set	60
,, Heart,—Yeung Sam	each	8
,, Kidneys,—Yeung Yiu	each	12
,, Liver,—Yeung Kon	lb.	26
Sucking Pigs, to order,—Chu Tsai	,,	—
Suet, Beef,—Shang Ngan Yau	,,	20
,, Mutton,—Shang Yeung You	,,	26
Veal,—Ngau Tsai Yuk	,,	20
,, Sausages,—Ngau Tsai Cheung No. 1	lb.	20
Lard,—Chu Yau	lb.	—

Fish.

		Cts.
Barbel,—Ka Yu	lb.	26
Bream,—Pin Yu	,,	18
Canton Fresh Water Fish,—Hoi Sin Yu	,,	18
Carp,—Li Yu	,,	22
Catfish,—Chik Yu	,,	14
Codfish,—Mun Yu	,,	16
Crabs,—Hai	,,	18
Cuttle Fish,—Muk Yu	,,	16
Dab,—Sha Mang Yu	,,	32
Dace,—Wong Mei Lap	,,	10
Dog Fish,—Tit To Sha	,,	13
Eels, Conger,—Hoi Man	,,	14
,, Fresh water,—Tam Shui Yu	,,	18
,, Yellow,—Wong Sin	,,	24
Frogs,—Tin Kai	,,	36
Garoupa,—Shek Pan	,,	44
Gudgeon,—Pak Kap Yu	,,	17
Herrings,—Tso Pak	,,	22
Halibut,—Cheung Kwan Kap	,,	22
Labrus,—Wong Fa Yu	,,	20
Loach,—Wu Yu	,,	28
Lobsters,—Lung Ha	,,	29
Mackerel,—Chu Yu	,,	22
Monk Fish,—Mong Yu	,,	34
Mullet,—Tsai Yu	,,	15
Oysters,—Shang Ho	,,	18
Parrot Fish,—Kai Kung Yu	,,	14
Perch,—Tau Lo	,,	18
Pike,—Fa Pau Fong	,,	18
Plaice, Pan Yu	,,	16
Pomfret, Black,—Hak Chong	,,	28
Pomfret, White,—Pak Chong	,,	32
Prawns,—Ming Ha	,,	34
Ray,—Pai Pa Sha	,,	10
Rock Fish,—Shek Kau Kang	,,	15
Roach,—Chun Yu	,,	14
Salmon,—Ma Yu	,,	32
Shark,—Sha Yu	,,	8
Skate,—Po Yu	,,	8
Shrimps,—Ha	,,	25
Snapper,—Lap Yu	,,	23
Soles,—Tat Sha Yu	,,	28
Tench,—Wan Yu	,,	18
Turbot,—Tso Hau Yu	,,	13
Turtles, small, fresh water,—Keuk Yu	,,	20

Poultry.

		Cts.
Chicken,—Kai Tsai	lb.	30
Capons, Small,—Siu Kai	,,	30
Capons, Large,—Sin Kai	,,	26
Duck,—Ap	,,	24
Doves,—Pan Kau	,,	18
Eggs, Hen,—Kai Tan (cooking)	per doz.	17
Eggs, Hen,—Kai Tan (fresh)	per doz.	21
Fowls, Cooker,—Kai	lb.	25
Fowls, Paisan,—Tsz Nang Kai	,,	28
Geese,—Ngo	,,	25
Pigeons, Canton,—Pak Kap	each	30
,, Hollow,—Hol Hau Pak Kap	each	24
Turkeys, Cock,—Fo Kai Kung	lb.	60
Turkeys, Hen,—Fo Kai Na	,,	50
Snipe,—Sha Tsui	each	33
Pheasant,—Shan Kai	,,	—
Quail,—Om Chun	,,	—
Partridges,—Che Ku	,,	—

FRUITS

		Cts.
Almonds,—Hang Yan	lb.	35
Apples, (California),—Kam Shan Ping Ko	,,	18
Bananas, (bride's), Macao,—San Heung Chiu	,,	5
Carambola,—Yeung To	,,	11
Cocoanuts,—Ye Tse	each	10
Lemons, China,—Ling Mung	lb.	8
Lemons, America,—Kam Shang Ling Mung	7	each
Lichees, Dried, (small stone),—Lai Chi Kon	lb.	28
Oranges, (Canton) (Sweet)—Shan shang Tim Chang	,,	—
Oranges, (Canton)	,,	—
Pears, (Canton), Cooking,—Sha Li	,,	10
Peanuts,—Fa Shang	,,	10
Persimmons, Large,—Hung Tse	,,	12
Plantain,—Tai Chiu	,,	02
Pumelo, Siam,—Tsim Lo Yau	each	11
Walnuts,—Hop To	lb.	14
Grapes,—Po Tai Tsz	,,	28

Vegetables, &c.

		Cts.
Artichokes,—Ah Chi Cheuk	each	—
Beans, Sprout,—Nga Tsoi	lb.	4
,, Long,—Tau Kok	,,	9
Beet Root,—Hung Tsoi Tau	,,	8
Bitter Squash,—Fu Kwa	,,	7
Brinjals, Green,—Ching Yun Kwa	,,	5
,, Red,—Hung Ke	,,	5
Cabbage Chinese, (common),—Kai Tsoi	,,	8
,, Shanghai,—Ye Tsoi	,,	16
Cane Shoots, bunch,—Kau Shun	,,	—
Cauliflower (Large),—Ye Tosi Fa	each	—
,, (Medium),	,,	—
,, (Small),	,,	—
Carrots,—Kam Shun	lb.	8
Celery, Chinese,—Tong Kan Tsoi	,,	9
Chillies, Dried,—Kon Lat Chiu	,,	20
,, Red,—Hung Fa Chiu	,,	12
,, Green,—Ching Lat Chiu	,,	6
Curry Stuff, English,—Ka Li Chu Liu	lb.	16
Cucumbers,—Ching Kwa	each	2
Garlic,—Suu Tau	lb.	8
Ginger, young,—Sun Tse Keung	,,	8
Ginger, old,—Lo Keung	,,	10
Horseradish, Shanghai,—Lik Kan	,,	45
Indian Corn,—Shuk Mai	each	06
Lettuce,—Yeung Sung Tsoi	each	1
Water Chestnuts,—Ma Tai	lb.	5
,, Mandarin,—Kwai Lam Ma Tai	,,	8
Mushrooms, Fresh,—Shang Tso Ku	lb.	
Okroes	lb.	10
Onions, Bombay,—Yeung Chung Tau	lb.	8
Onions, Green,—Shang Chung	lb.	5
Onions, Shanghai,—Sheung-hoi Chung Tau	,,	6
Parsley,—Kun Tsoi	,,	$1.20
Potato, Sweet,—Fan Shu	,,	3
,, Japanese,—Yat Pun Shu Tsai	lb.	3
,, American,—Fa Kai Shu Tsai	lb.	8
Pumpkin,—Tung Kwa	lb.	3
Radish,—Hung Lo Pak Tsai	,,	6
Rhubarb (Fresh),—Tai Wong	,,	—
Shallots,—Kong Chong Tau	,,	7
Spinach,—Yin Tsoi	,,	4
Tomatoes,—Fan Ke	,,	8
Taros,—Wu Tau	,,	4
Turnips, Punti, (Long),—Lo Pak	,,	4
Vegetable Marrow,—Tait Kwa	,,	5
Water Cress,—Sai Yeung Tsoi	,,	15
,, Lily root,—Lin Ngau	,,	5
Yams,—Tai Shu	,,	9

ROYAL OBSERVATORY
HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

DECEMBER 10, 1917.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind Direction.	Wind Force.	Weather.
Vostock	6 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Memuro	5 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hakodate	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oshima	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Naha	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ishijima	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bonin Island	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Weihaiwei	6 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hankow	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ichang	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kiukiang	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Changsha	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	,,	30.30	32	84	NW	1	b
Gutzlaff	,,	30.25	42	58	N	4	b
Sharp Pk	,,	30.08	54	93	NW	8	o
Amoy	,,	30.10	50	79	NE	1	b
Swatow	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Taihoku	5 a.	30.12	54	88	E	4	b
Taichu	,,	30.01	48	—	—	0	b
Tainan	,,	30.00	57	—	E	3	b
Koshun	,,	29.96	68	—	NE	7	o
Pescadores	,,	30.02	63	—	NNE	5	b
Canton	6 a.	30.02	45	84	E	1	b
Hongkong	,,	30.03	55	84	—	0	b
Gap Rock	,,	30.03	—	—	NE	2	b
Macao	,,	30.04	54	87	NNW	4	b
Wuchow	9 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hoihow	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phulien	7 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tourane	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Quinhone	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Aparri	6 a.	29.86	75	91	NE	4	c
Dagupan	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	,,	29.72	72	98	—	0	c
Legaspi	,,	29.78	75	94	—	0	b
Tacloban	,,	29.78	73	93	—	0	c
Iloilo	,,	29.78	73	96	—	0	c
Surigao	,,	—	—	—	—	—	b
Guam	4.30	29.88	75	—	NE	1	c
Labuan	6 a.	29.96	75	93	SW	1	c

WEATHER REPORT.

December 10d. 12h. 13m.—No returns from Indo-China, Japan, and continental stations north Shanghai. An anticyclone has formed over N. China and pressure has increased quickly at northern reporting stations; other changes are slight.

Strong monsoon will prevail along the China Coast and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 80.34 inches, against an average of 83.32 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 11th December:—

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: N.E. winds, fresh to strong; fine.

2.—Formosa Channel: N. winds, strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

OFFICIAL NIGHTS IN HONGKONG.

The following table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of Dec. 1917:—

Date.	Ends.	Begins.
Dec. 10th,	6.41 a.m.	5.51 p.m.
,, 11th,	6.41 ,,	5.51 ,,
,, 12th,	6.41 ,,	5.51 ,,
,, 13th,	6.42 ,,	5.52 ,,
,, 14th,	6.42 ,,	5.52 ,,
,, 15th,	6.43 ,,	5.53 ,,
,, 16th,	6.43 ,,	5.53 ,,
,, 17th,	6.43 ,,	5.53 ,,
,, 18th,	6.44 ,,	5.54 ,,
,, 19th,	6.44 ,,	5.54 ,,
,, 20th,	6.45 ,,	5.55 ,,
,, 21st,	6.45 ,,	5.55 ,,
,, 22nd,	6.46 ,,	5.56 ,,
,, 23rd,	6.46 ,,	5.56 ,,
,, 24th,	6.47 ,,	5.57 ,,
,, 25th,	6.48 ,,	5.58 ,,
,, 26th,	6.48 ,,	5.58 ,,
,, 27th,	6.48 ,,	5.58 ,,
,, 28th,	6.49 ,,	5.59 ,,
,, 29th,	6.49 ,,	5.59 ,,
,, 30th,	6.50 ,,	6.00 ,,
,, 31st,	6.50 ,,	6.00 ,,

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, December 10, 1917.

On London—	
Bank Wire	2/11¼
On demand	2/11⅛
30 days' sight	2/11⅛
,, 4 months' sight	3/-
Credits, 4 months' sight	3/-⅛
Documentary, 4 months' sight	3/-⅛
On Paris—	
On demand	4.10½
Credits, 4 months' sight	4.25
On New York—	
On demand	70½
Credits, 60 days sight	—
On Bombay—	
Wire	—
On demand	nom.
On Calcutta—	
Wire	—
On demand	nom.
On Singapore—	
On demand	126
On Manila—	
On demand	141
On Shanghai—	
On demand	nom.
30 days' sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama—	
On demand	136½
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	44.20
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	$6.65 n.
Silver (per oz.)	43d.
Bar Silver in Hongkong	24¾ p. nom.
Chinese Copper Cash	½ % pm.
Chinese Copper Cents	½ % pm.
Rate of Native Interest	7 ¼ % p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	7½ % dis.
Hongkong Sub. Coin	par.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the results of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Taim Sha Tsui during the years 1907-8-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 4 inches below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

December 11th to 17th, 1917.

Day of Week	Day of Month	High Water Hongkong Mean Time	High Water Height	Low Water Hongkong Mean Time	Low Water Height
		h. m.	feet	h. m.	feet
Mon.	11	m. 7 11	4.6	m. 1 29	2.7
		e. 6 17 p.	7.0	m. 8 21 a.	3.3
Tues.	12	m. 8 6	4.4	m. 2 10	2.1
		7 15 a.	7.5	8 52 a.	2.3
Wed.	13	m. 8 59	4.2	m. 2 50	1.4
		7 57 a.	8.3	9 32 a.	1.4
Thur.	14	m. 9 45	4.2	m. 3 29	0.9
		8 40 a.	8.2	2 0 a.	2.4
Fri.	15	m. 10 25	4.3	m. 4 0	1.6
		9 24 a.	8.6	2 20 a.	2.4
Sat.	16	m. 11 21	4.5	m. 4 10	2.4
		10 10 a.	8.1	3 26 a.	2.4
Sun.	17	0 23 a.	4.3	m. 5 25	2.4
		10 48 a.	8.3	4 0 a.	2.5

Temperature.

Hongkong, December 10, 1917.

BAROMETER	9 A.M.	30.00
	1 P.M.	29.98
	4 P.M.	29.95
THERMOMETER	9 A.M.	61
	1 P.M.	65
	4 P.M.	65
Do. (Wet bulb)	9 A.M.	53
Do. (Wet bulb)	1 P.M.	56
Do. (Wet bulb)	4 P.M.	56
Do.	Maximum	68
Do.	Minimum (over night)	58

SHARE REPORT.

DECEMBER 10TH 1917.

Stock and paid up Value.	Quotations 11.30 A.M.	Last Dividend and date.	Approximate Return based on last year's div.
BANKS.			
Hongkong & Shai $125	$603½ s. 600 ex.	Interim of £2.3/- a/c 1917	6 p.c.
MARINE INSURANCES.			
Cantons $ 50	$305 s.	$7 final making $20 a/c 1915 and Interim of $18 a/c 1916	7½ p.c.
North Chinas £5	T. 115 b.	Int. div. of 15 % on 16/- at 3/6 5/16, $4.25 per share a/c 1916	6½ p.c.
Unions $100	$730 b. 735 s.	Final of $20 and bonus of $10 a/c 1915 and Interim of $30 a/c 1916	7½ p.c.
Yangtzees $ 50	$190 b. ex. 73	$15 making $21 for 1915 and special of $5 on account 1916	11 p.c.
FIRE INSURANCES.			
China Fires $ 25	$131 b.	$7 and bonus $2 for 1915	7 p.c.
Hongkong Fires $ 50	$310	$37 for 1915	8½ p.c.
SHIPPING.			
Douglas Steamships $50	$80 s.	Final of $5a/c 1916-1917	19½ p.c.
Steamboats $ 15	$18½ b. 13 s.	$1.25 for 1916	8½ p.c.
Indo-Chinas—			
(Preferred) £5	$33 b.	Final of 3/- a/c 1916	5 p.c.
(Deferred) £5	$140 b. 143 s.	Final of 40/- a/c 1916	19 p.c.
"Shell" Transports £1	12½/- b.	5/- final making 7/- a/c 1916 free of income tax Coupon 28	3½ p.c.
"Star Ferry" $ 10	$28½	$1.80 div. and 30 cents to bonus for year ending 30-4-17	7½ p.c.
REFINERIES			
China Sugars $100	$88 b.	$12 for 1916	14½ p.c.
Malabon Sugars P. 50	$35 b.	P. 5 for 1916	15½ p.c.
MINING			
Kailans £1	39/- s.	nt. div. of 1/- free of income tax, making 10% a/c 1916-1917 coupon No. 9	7 p.c.
Langkats drs. 10	T. 15	Tls. 1 for 1916	8½ p.c.
Rubs £1	$2½		—
Tronoh Mines £1	28/-	1/- interim making 4/- a/c 1916	15 p.c.
Ural Caspians £1	30/-	9 % for 1916	—
DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.			
Kowloon Wharves $ 50	$93½ s.	8 % for 1916 & bonus $2	10 p.c.
H.K. & Whampoa Docks $	$124 s.	Interim of $2½ a/c 1917.	9½ p.c.
Shanghai Docks T. 10	T 73 b.	Tls. 9 for year ending 30-4-17	12 p.c.
HOTELS LANDS AND BUILDINGS			
Hongkong Hotels $ 5	$60 b.	$3 a/c half year ended 30-6-17.	6½ p.c.
Central Estates $10	$90 b.	$7 a/c 1916	7½ p.c.
Hongkong Lands $10	$38	Interim of $3½ a/c 1917.	7½ p.c.
Humphreys Estates $ 10	45.75	60 cents for 1916	8½ p.c.
Kowloon Lands $ 30	$30	$2 for 1916	6½ p.c.
West Points $ 50	$79½ b.	Interim of $3 a/c 1917.	7½ p.c.
Shanghai Lands T. 50	T. 73 s.	4 % final making 12 % a/c 1916	7½ p.c.
COTTON MILLS.			
Ewos T. 50	T. 172½ s.	Tls. 9 for year ending 31-10-16	5½ p.c.
Shanghai Cottons T. 50	T. 119 b.	Tls. 6 div. a/c year ended 30-6-16.	5 p.c.
Kung Yik T. 10	T. 15.50 s.	Tls. 0.90 for 1916	6½ p.c.
Yangtzepoos T. 5	T. 6.40 b.		—
Orientals	T. 40 s.		—
MISCELLANEOUS.			
China-Borneos 12	$6½ b.	60 cts. for 1916	9½ p.c.
Light & Powers $ 5	$3½ b.	p.c. for year ending 28-2-06	—
China-Providents $ 10	$7.50 b. & s.	cents for 1916	9½ p.c.
Dairy Farms $ 6	$25 b.	$2 for year ending 31-7-17	13 p.c.
Green Islands $ 7½	$ 7.65 s.	80 cents for 1916	11 p.c.
Hongkong Electrics $ 10	$48 b. 49 s.	$2½ a/c 1916/17 Bonus 75 cents	6½ p.c.
Hongkong Ices $ 25	$150	$2 interim a/c 1917	7½ p.c.
Hongkong Ropes $ 10	$22½ s.	$1 interim a/c 1917	10 p.c.
Hongkong Tramways	$6.60 s.	Interim of 2 % a/c 1917	9½ p.c.
H.K. Steel Foundry	$10	$1 a/c year 31-5-17	10 p.c.
Peak Tramways $ 10	$8½ s.	7 % for 1916/1917	7½ p.c.
do. (new) $ 1	90 cents s.		
Steam Laundry $	$3 b.	35 cents for year 31-5-17.	11½ p.c.
Union Waterboats $	$12 b.	2½ % for 1916	10 p.c.
Watsons $11	$5.50 b.	40 cents for 1916	10 p.c.
William Powell $7	$6½ s.	50 cents for 1913/1914	—

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